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In re application of:

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CHANNEL OPTOCOUPLER

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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF
PREVIOUSLY FILED IDS

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed on November 21, 2006. The Examiner is thanked for the Notice of Allowance.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Attached is a copy of an IDS filed on June 16, 2006. Applicants request that the Examiner consider the references cited in the IDS as the IDS was timely filed.

The Examiner previously did not consider the IDS filed on June 16, 2006, because it allegedly failed to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c), because it lacked a statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c).

As explained in Applicants' Amendment filed on October 11, 2006, a certification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e) is not required under section 1.97(c). 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c) states that an applicant may pay a fee and have an IDS considered before an action closing prosecution (i.e., a final rejection) or a Notice of Allowance, without a certification. Since the fee was authorized in the IDS, and since the Office Action was non-final when the IDS was filed, the Examiner should have considered the references in the IDS. Applicants requested a copy of the initialed IDS in the prior Amendment, but a copy of the considered IDS was not received.

Applicants again request that the references in the attached IDS be considered and that an initialed copy be returned to the undersigned.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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